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1. DEPARTMENT CALLED IN CHIEF OF SOVIET CONSULAR SECTION GALISHNIKOV JULY 10 TO REQUEST THAT SOVIET EMBASSY ON URGENT BASIS LOOK INTO MFA'S REFUSAL TO GRANT EXCEPTION TO CLOSED AREA REGULATIONS FOR CONSULAR TRAVEL TO GRISKABUDIS.

2. WE ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S POLICY REGARDING CONSULAR TRAVEL TO CLOSED AREAS, NOTING THAT IF RECIPROCITY DOES NOT EXIST IN THIS AREA DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW ITS LONGSTANDING POLICY OF FACILITATING SOVIET CONSULAR TRAVEL TO ALL PARTS OF US. WE POINTED OUT THAT OFFICERS OF SOVIET CONGEN IN SAN FRANCISCO, FOR EX-AMPLE, HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO CLOSED AREAS OUTSIDE OF THEIR CONSULAR DISTRICT ON CONSULAR AND OTHER BUSINESS (E.G. TO ADAK, ALASKA). KISSINGER

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